

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Ralf M. Schmitt, et al.
SERIAL NO.: 09/982,459
FILING DATE: October 17, 2001
TITLE: UNIFIED DATABASE SYSTEM TO STORE, COMBINE, AND
MANIPULATE CLOCK RELATED DATA FOR GRID-BASED
CLOCK DISTRIBUTION DESIGN
EXAMINER: Annette M. Thompson
ART UNIT: 2825

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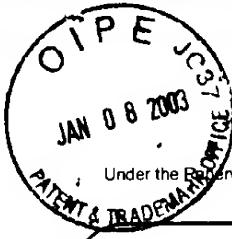
AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This paper is in response to the Final Office Action dated October 3, 2002, and is submitted with and on the same day as the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-identified application.

Also submitted herewith for the file record is a copy of grant of Limited Recognition under 37 CFR §10.9(b) for the undersigned to prosecute the patent application before the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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**REQUEST
FOR
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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Filing Date	October 17, 2001
Examiner Name	Annette M. Thompson
First Named Inventor	Ralf M. Schmitt, et al.
Group Art Unit	2825
Attorney Docket Number	SUN-P5405

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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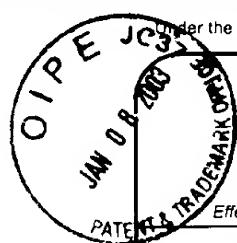
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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
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1252	410	2152	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2153	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2154	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2155	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
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1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	750
1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
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